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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Kurata et al.

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Examiner: Sang H. Nguyen

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING GAP OF LIQUID-CRYSTAL PANEL AND APPARATUS THEREFOR

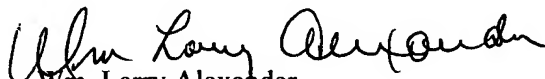
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), an extension of time of one month (from September 6, 2005 to October 6, 2005 within which to respond to the Office Action dated June 6, 2005 is requested. A check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the extension fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 16-0631 any underpayments, overpayments or additionally required fees.

Respectfully submitted,


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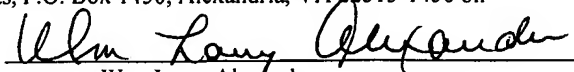
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